

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are pending as amended on 05 November 2009.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, US Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Response to Amendment and Arguments

3. Applicant's amendment to the independent claims 1, 12 and 18, filed 05 November 2009, reciting that the molding composition consists of the components recited in the pending claims, rather than consists essentially of such components has been fully considered and distinguishes the instant claims from the prior arts.

The rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,773,556 (Kleiner hereinafter) in view of US Patent 5,071,924 (Koch hereinafter) has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-18 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: US Patent 5,773,556 (Kleiner hereinafter) and US Patent 5,071,924 (Koch hereinafter), the closest prior arts, teach a similar polyamide composition to that instantly claimed; but fail to teach or fairly suggest a composition consisting of (a) 30-80% by wt. of a semi-aromatic,

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partially crystalline polyamide, (b) 1-30% by wt. of a flame retardant, (c) 5-60% by wt. of a filler, and (d) 0.05-10% by wt. additive.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for allowance".

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ATNAF ADMASU whose telephone number is (571)270-5465. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:30, Flexible Schedule.

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